- *The Framingham and Wayland fire departments did not prepare complete reports; and other towns did not report all optional information*
- *Response time is defined as the time it takes to get to the location of an emergency from the time the call is received by the fire department.*

Source: District Fourteen Coordinator, Individual Fire Departments; State Fire Marshal

Fire Station Locations (Map 1)

There are 25 active fire stations in MetroWest. **Map 1** illustrates the location of those fire stations along with 1 and 2 mile boundaries around each station. Although a station's response time is not solely a function of distance the boundary areas can help identify stations within MetroWest that might be redundant based on proximity to other stations.

Everyone who manages municipal growth attempts to site a public facility to maximize the benefits for its residents, including the appropriate sizes and locations. In many cases, the factors involved with siting a public facility are complex and not always favorable to the ideal location. The availability and price of land are two factors that must be considered, as well as adequate infrastructure, the ability of a community to fund the facility, the capacity of the existing facilities and future growth potential in a community.

The following information concerning the location of the MetroWest fire stations is not a plan for future facility siting but simply an analysis of what already exists.

- Looking at both the station location map with the average response times (**Table 6**) it appears that coverage is mixed throughout the region. In order to complete this analysis, a response time study, for each station should be prepared.
- Of the towns reporting operational information (**Table 6**), calls for EMS incidents far out numbered the calls for fire incidents.

Table 7

VEHICLE AND FLEET STATUS

1995

TOWN	Pump Trucks	Ladder Truck	Tank Trucks	Platform Engines	Emerg. Rescue
Ashland	3	0	1	1	1
Framingham	7	1	0	1	1
Marlborough	5	2	0	0	1
Natick	5	1	0	0	1
Southborough	0	1	0	0	1
Sudbury	5	1	0	0	2
Wayland	4	1	0	0	1
Wellesley	5	2	0	0	1
Weston	6	1	0	0	0
TOTALS	**40**	**10**	**1**	**2**	**9**

Source:. The Caron-Jajuga Report Massachusetts Legislature's Joint Committee on Public Safety 1992.